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President's Message de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI

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Hello to all. Spring is in the air and I for one am looking forward to it. Here in the PNW we have had rain, rain and more rain. It has put a damper on doing much outside but I have gotten a lot done inside. Including getting on more nets and even trying to contest. That's a new one for me. I didn't make any contacts but I did try. So now I need to do another contest and then actually make a contact! I also have been learning CW and have been practicing more than normal. I'm up to about 10-12 wpm now. The lady I practice with and I can't get on the radio together so we have a more novel approach to practicing. We get on the phone and when I send to her I hold the phone over my keyer and I send. Then I listen on the phone and she does the same thing. It works and we do pretty well together.

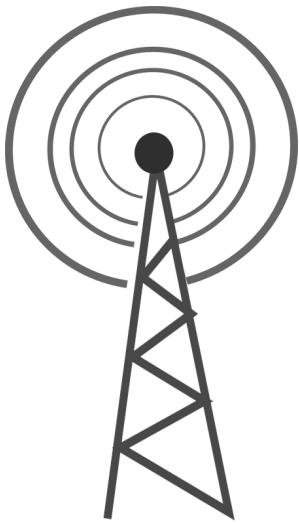
I do hope most of you are able to be involved in a club somewhere near where you live. There are so many good clubs out there that need your help. And there are always things to do in different areas. Just find the place that fits with your personality and it can be real fun. I personally like Field Day. What areas can you plug your interests into?

Have you looked at the back page of the Harmonics? There is a supply list of things you can buy to promote YLRL. From earrings to charms, stationery to patches, there's quite a few things that you can get. I've gotten some things and have never been disappointed. Barb Bender, KA3VXR, is the supplies lady. Thank you Barbara, KA3VXR, for helping out in YLRL.

I hope you all have a fun and active spring. I do hope to see you all at Convention in August.

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

New Day for YLRL Net



Anne, WB1ARU, is encouraging all YLs to give HF a try on **Wednesday** evenings at 0100 on 20 m - 14.288. She is hopeful that this will be a chance for YLs to contact other YLs by calling "CQ YL" beginning at 0100 every Wednesday evening. She does not want it to be a directed net, although she is willing to be somewhat of a net control to get things underway. Here's the plan: listen on 14.288 for other YLs, then call to see if others hear you. Not everyone will be able to hear every station that is on. Rather than having relays to Anne, start up your own conversation. It's fun to chat with each other and get to know one another.



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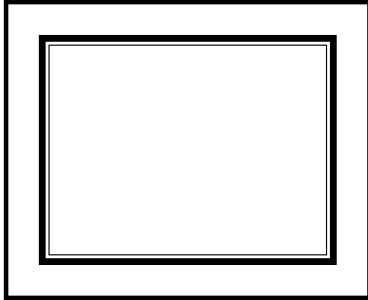
2018 YL-OM Contest Results

Name	Call Sign	S/M	Op	Contacts	Multiplier	Mode	Power	Total Score
Salli Rosato	K2RYD		S	182		56SSB	H	10,192
Christine Dons	GM4YMM		S	158		29SSB	H	4,582
Heather Holmes	VE3HQH		S	40		24SSB	H	960
Nancy Rabel Hall	KC4IYD	NA8SA	M	22		14CW	L	462
Annette Wood	KC8SQM	NA8SA	M					
Dawn Jenkins	KC8SQN	NA8SA	M					
Carol Laferty	K4SAF		S	9		9CW	L	121.5
Roberto Brunetti	I2RBR		S	1		1SSB	L	1.5

Participation in the contest was down this year. I will publicize the 2019 dates earlier to give more YLs time to plan to participate next year. Two First Place trophies will be awarded this year. The First Place SSB award goes to Salli Rosato, K2RYD. The First Place CW award goes to the team of YLs (Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, Annette Wood, KC8SQM, and Dawn Jenkins, KC8SQN) who put NA8SA, the NASA Glenn Research Center Amateur Radio Club station, on the air for the YL-OM Contest. The Second and Third place SSB winners will receive certificates. Thanks to all of the stations who participated.

The next YLRL contest is the DX/NA YL Anniversary contest, which will run from 1400 UTC on Friday October 5 through 0200 UTC on Sunday October 7. I encourage you to get on the air and participate in this YL-only contest. If you are working on any of the DX awards, contacts from this contest will count. Check the YLRL.org website for the contest rules under Contests and DX Awards / DX/NA-YL Contest. YLRL offers certificates for making contacts with other YLs. See those certificates at Awards & Certificates to work for / YLRL Certificates

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Carol holds a General license and is a Professional Development Coach. She is active on 20 and 40m. Her father is Robert, W9JOP.

DISTRICT 5

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MaryAnn holds an Extra license. She prefers CW and is active on most bands. She enjoys Field Day and Straight Key Night. Other family members include Bob, K5PSG and Fred, N5CJC.

DISTRICT 9

Carolyn Kammen NQ9A



Carolyn holds an Extra license and is a Physical Therapist. She is active on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. She enjoys contests and is a member of Four Lakes ARC and Society for Midwest Contesters.

Welcome to these new members! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon!



**Webmistress Message
de Val Lemko, VE5AQ**

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Same old thing, the website is doing very well with lots of traffic checking it out. We are averaging around 40-70 looks per week which is very good. So, in saying that, please send me pictures of your latest hamfests, Dayton adventures etc. so that we can put them on for more people to see. Send me your articles and any other news of events that you would like more people to attend. The more ways we get news out to members, potential members etc, the more we grow.

I am still waiting for the paperwork to be done so that we can put the PayPal on the website so that you don't have to send in cheques, money orders etc for dues and or supplies if you don't want to. If you like banking on line, this will be the way to go. It also cuts down on service charges. So hopefully this will be done in short order and be ready for the members.

That's it for now, no other news to report. Keep well, stay safe, and keep on the air. 33 Val, VE5AQ

In Our Thoughts

Carol, KK5L, sponsor of Masako Kato, JA0CYL, reports that Masako became SK January 2018.

Sue Marren, KB3UIP became SK on December 7, 2017.

Member News

Leanna Shaberly, KB8RT, and **Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM**, didn't have any YL news but did respond to my email.

Verline, KI8V, wrote that she still enters some sweepstakes and won a trip from Hallmark Channel to go to Jackson Hole, WY to Spring Creek Ranch in her countdown to Valentines Day. Her daughter, son in law and granddaughter are going with her as guests.

Dawn, KC8SQN, Annette, KC8SQM, and **Nancy, KC4IYD**, participated in the NASA On The Air (NOTA) year-long amateur radio event while operating during the YL-OM contest in February 10. We made over 22 contacts which included talking to people in Croatia, Hungary, Netherland, Belgium, Africa, Canada and several people in the US.

Finally, I plan to be at Dayton and the YLRL National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK so looking forward to seeing all my YL friends again.

Nancy, KC4IYD/8

Ria, N2RJ writes: As the Earth tilts, the seasons change. Here in the Northern Hemisphere and in particular the Northeast US we are now in the Spring season... it's time for outdoor adventures and gardening – whether you grow flowers, vegetables, or aluminum! Here at the N2RJ shack in Northwest NJ we're planning some antenna work this summer. Just how much is TBD.

Andrea, K2EZ, is preparing for contest season, and has made many improvements to the rover including a new rotatable yagi system. It's quite the sight to see! Hopefully she'll be taking home some more plaques in the VHF contests this year. Speaking of contest results, I am seeing a few district 2 YLs in the results including K2RYD and K2DO, which is great!

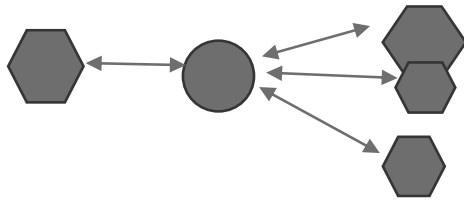


K2EX's new Rover

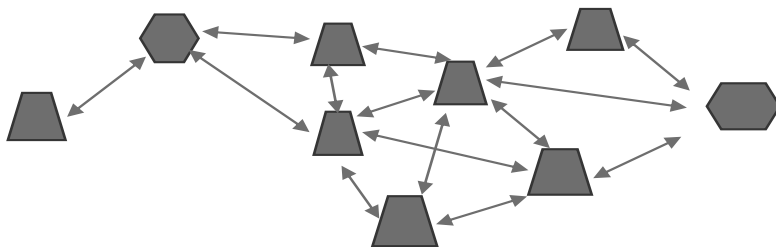
Springtime is also when public service events start popping up, and hams of course have the opportunity to give back to the community. Then, in June comes field day – which is for many of us our “baptism by fire” into the hobby or simply our first real experience with radio. Why not invite a YL to your field day operation? Better yet, look to work with a Girl Scout troop and get them involved. There are many clubs across our area that will gladly welcome new operators for field day.

33 Ria, N2RJ

Rita, NE0DB, in southern Colorado, participated in a Mesh Network event a couple weeks ago. A Mesh network is a term I have heard with increasing frequency as I listen to various people and presentations. It seems to be used especially in places or at times when communication is beyond line of sight but not covered by a repeater, without resorting to HF communications. I have especially heard it used referent to the microwave bands, where line sight seems to be especially restricted, and there is not, at least around here, an infrastructure of repeaters. A mesh network is exactly what it sounds like—instead of a more linear forwarding structure (A transmits to Repeater B and B passes it on to C, D, E, etc and back.)



Mesh networks require devices with special software, which figure out how to route the signal. The big advantage of the mesh is that it is self-repairing; if one node is down, another will be substituted. This is very useful in situations where power may be uncertain, for example. They often are used in the microwave range, sometimes using routers or modified routers.



Doshia, KB0NAS, writes: It is the middle of April, but we still are having blizzards on the plains, and wind when there isn't snow to make it a blizzard. Around here, the authorities are predicting the worst fire season since 2012, when a number of fires bordering—and moving into—Front Range cities occurred. That doesn't mean that ordinary planning for summer is not moving along, though. It is time to sign up for bicycle, running, and other events. My OM and I are also seriously into planning for the trip to the YLRL convention in Oklahoma, too. We figure on taking a circle drive which will take us into New Mexico, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas. We'll be using APRS and will be interested in where the signal gets picked up and where we pick up other signals. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

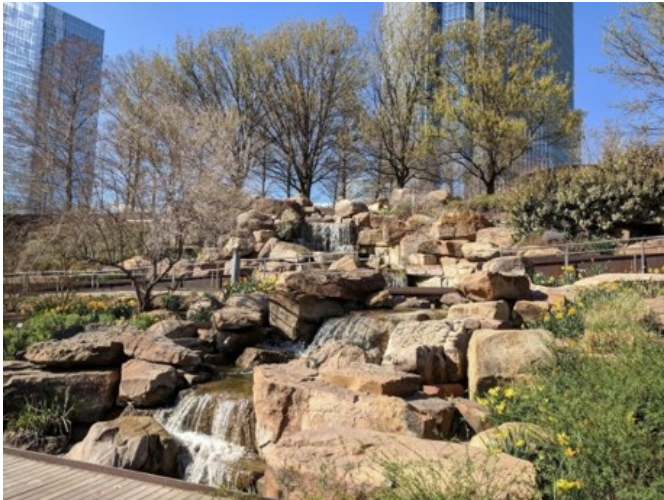
33,
Doshia, KB0NAS

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Things to See in Oklahoma City



Oklahoma City Museum of Art



OKC Botanical Garden

Galaxy Located in Leadership Square





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L' Île de Noirmoutier



The island Noirmoutier is a French island in the department „La Vendée“. It is only connected to the mainland during low tide by the four km long so called “Passage du Gois” or since 1971 by a bridge. The Island has got a surface of 49 km² and is approx. 25 km long with a width of 500 m and 15 km.

The island is often called “Island of the Mimosas” owing to its mild climate, mediterranean temperatures, which allow the growing and blooming of the mimosas during Winter. The landscape of the island is characterized by salt-pans, sand dunes and pine forests.

The island Noirmoutier consists of: four communities, ten hamlets with low houses, bleached by the sun, the roofs covered with red tiles; a vivid town and villages, vast beaches and forests, ports and moors, a life with a great authenticity.

A beautiful landscape with preserved nature areas, where one can go at one’s own pace - either by bicycle or walking – in order to discover many, often hidden secrets all over the island.

While bathers enjoy the sun on the beach, the island also offers many other activities.

Holiday appartements in «Les Quatre Vents »

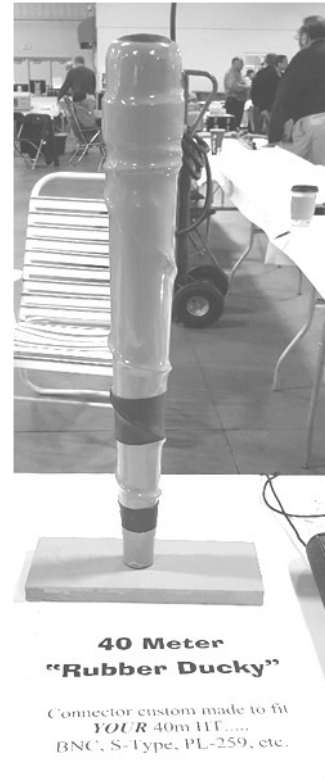
The holiday village « Les Quatre Vents » offers a multitude of activities for families, couples and friends. In the “Alizé” you can enjoy yourself in the heated and open pool or relax in the sauna. You also have access to the fitness room.

Besides this you also have the possibility to play tennis, archery, minigolf, vita-parcours. During your stay you can use bicycles and kayaks (sea-going) free of charge.

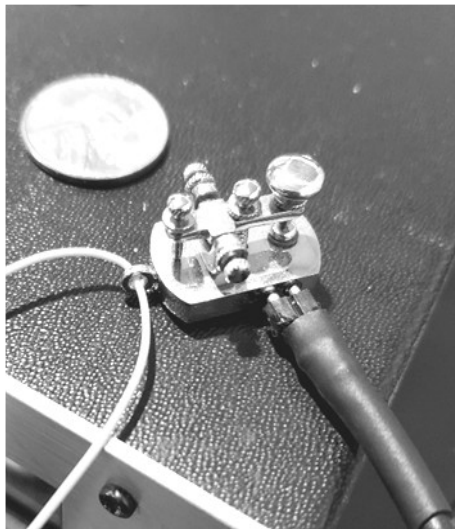
Amber Cole, K4TAC, writes: I recently attended the Charlotte, NC and Raleigh, NC hamfests. The Charlotte hamfest was March 9th and 10th. My husband and I went on Saturday. It is a very big swap meet along with several dealer tables. I walked away with coax and a soldering gun while the hubby found a few tools. But I must say that meeting other hams, including those being cheeky is my favorite part. Check out the 40 Meter “Rubber Ducky” with custom made connector for your HT. Jokes, hams have loads.



Charlotte Hamfest



The Raleigh hamfest took place on March 31st. The night before the club hosted a wonderful barbeque meal. We enjoyed the fellowship with new and old friends. During the hamfest there was a fox hunt demo and indoor hunt. We had a difficult time locating the roving fox, and sadly were not the winners. However, the experience has caused my husband and I to become interested in fox hunting. We enjoyed checking out the swap meet and dealers. This is a huge event. One of my favorite sites was the SKCC table where I saw this tiny key. The last thing we did was watch the satellite demo by John Brier, KG4AKV. It was the first time I’ve seen a satellite contact in person. It was fascinating.



Tiny Key



Swap Meet Area



I hope that each of you will take the time to attend some hamfests in your area. They are all different, so it is hard to know which ones you will like the most.

John Brier, KG4AKV

Rita, NE0DB, writes: It's Springtime in the Rockies

Since the first of the year, I have been upgrading my shack with new equipment. Besides my ICOM 7300, new additions include: LDG 600 PRO-C Tuner and Ameritron ALS 600 Solid-State Amplifier. With the assistance of Andrea, K2EZ, I was able to participate in the 3905 CCN contest with success and Catherine, AC4YL, entered two YL teams in the YL Ops SSB Sprint, which consisted of Ria, N2RJ, Catherine, AC4YL, Melanie, AG4YL, and me. Catherine was my third contact ... we were both thrilled.

In April our Club provided communications for a 5K/10K race. Not only the normal communications, but with a Mesh Network. We had five IP cameras set up along the course, enabling us to stream real-time pictures of the race in progress to a computer at the pavilion at Net Control for all to enjoy.

On April 15 I entered the ARRL Rookie Roundup. Due to other special events, it was difficult to work contacts - I made four. As you all know, band conditions have been poor during the last few weeks. From my little house on the high-desert of Colorado, to yours. 33



Rita and her Mesh Dish

CQ Dog X-Ray – getting our pets in on the act

Consult Part 97 of the FCC rules and you'll find everything spelled out there regarding unlicensed third-party operations in your shack. But what if the third party happens to possess a license? And what if that third party is not a guest but a reliable regular? Licensed or not, what if that very same third party intermittently interrupts your QSOs with a variety of demands? "Walk me." "Feed me." "Rub my belly."

When the assigned license is a New York State dog license, forget getting answers from the FCC – you need to consult the AKC instead. At least that's what Ziggy, our Shih-Tzu, might recommend.

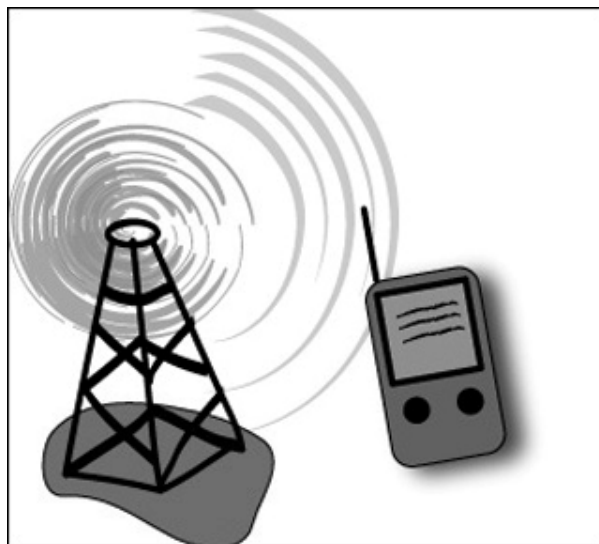
I'm General Class in my shack but when Ziggy's in there acting like a control operator, I'm not more than Second Class: While I'm still needing to buy a more comfortable chair to replace the butt-numbing wooden wonder that's propped me up through a few contests and special events, Ziggy has been curled up by my desk, ensconced in his own plush bed (one of 6 at home). I've warned him that "woof" is one of those four-letter words forbidden on air and even constitutes malicious interference. I've told him that snoring above a level of S2, no matter how blissful it may sound, is indisputably QRM. I've reminded him firmly that I'm happy to pause and let him "answer the call" but that he needs to reciprocate for me when I am on HF, especially during those rare moments when 10 meters is open to some promising DX.

Still, there is an advantage to having a dog in the shack, cuteness and companionship aside. His breed hails from a part of the world I have yet to work – China and Tibet, well, most of Asia – and maybe he has some insider information that can help me break through the chatter. Maybe too he'll just bring me good luck. He'll need a bit more training - "Sit." "Fetch." "Tune Up." "Push to Talk." And of course "stay," which he'll do anyway.

Unless I put my headphones on, though, it's possible I still won't hear Beijing or Yunnan Province anyway. Those contacts may be as evanescent as Shangri-La itself, eclipsed by something that not even the best filter can fix: the incessant licking and slurping dogs are infamous for.

Hey, I'll take my chances. As long as Ziggy stays in the shack with me, he'll never end up in the doghouse.

33, Caryn, KD2GUT



VE News

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: May and June are the months we put the finishing touches on our flower and veggie gardens. Then we hang over them looking for and then celebrating the first shoot or flower bud. By the time we all get this Harmonics issue I imagine summer will be in full swing. Bringing lots of visitors and, I hope, a few nice little excursions for you, as well. Field Days, Ham Fests, the works !! I am hoping to attend the Convention in Oklahoma City this coming August. Have been to Oklahoma, just once before, and found it a nice, friendly city. We spent a great deal of time at the Western Heritage Museum and, of course, had a flutter on the Quarter Horses. We also rented a car and travelled most of the State in the time allotted to us. Our main reason for being there was to pick up a delightful Border Collie puppy. We brought him home on Alaska Airlines as "carry-on" !! He was so quiet that hardly anyone knew he was aboard. He grew and developed into a wonderful, well trained, working dog. He also spent fun-time on his weekends participating (very successfully) in Sheepdog Trials. His name was OK !! 33 Suzanne VE7IM

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Not much to report from here. Glad that winter is on it's way out. I know spring must be on it's way, as the skunks and raccoons are out and about. Tulips are poking out of the ground and the days are getting warmer. I had a good winter with very little snow but lots of cold winds. I'm looking for more YL's to get on the air as I need more "Favourite Songs" and more YL contacts for the YLRL and CLARA challenges. Hope to see many of you at Dayton. I haven't been there for several years and I'm looking forward to going this year. 33, Heather VE3HQH

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: SPRING has arrived on the west coast - at least one day is spring and the next I'm not sure - rain follows sunshine and the local mountains are still getting snow much to the delight of skiers/snowboarders etc. Propagation is still dismal and if it we didn't have computers and internet, Echolink or SKYPE we would be back to smoke signals. Easter has come and gone and I have tried hiding the chocolate bunnies and eggs but they keep resurfacing. I will try giving them away but most of my friends are trying to do the same. I have just had an email from family down in Portland and they are going to be visiting Vancouver later this week. Not yet sure how many are coming up - I'm waiting for details. More than ten years since I last went down to visit them. No golf for me - yet - I find early morning tee times are pretty cold. The ladies program did start last Tuesday - naturally it poured buckets!! Hope everyone enjoys their spring and I imagine lots are making plans for summer travel. 33 VE7YL

Helen, VA1YL, writes: The March CLARA Chatter Party was pretty quiet because propagation was lousy. I did work some lovely YLs and did get to talk to some CLARA members. We changed the CLARA Contest to the CLARA Chatter Party so we didn't scare YLs off. We always chatted when we worked YLs and we passed our contacts around the YLs who were on frequency and set up frequencies to meet on. Lots of the contacts were made on Echolink. I need to get myself on Echolink ! The 2018 CLARA Challenge is to talk to as many YLs as possible. You can work the same YL twice in a month on the same frequency and mode. So join us on the Nets and see how many YLs you can work. Nets are a good place to find YLs if the Net Controller doesn't mind if you make contacts. The OM has been "hired" to teach the Amateur Radio Course to a group of Provincial EMO members. They want to be able to use Ham Radio when the TMR2 system overloads. It was a 60 mile trip to go to teach the class and one day was cancelled when there was a bad snowstorm. Twenty-five percent of the exam is Regulations and it has been my job to teach that portion of the course. Scary, but the group listened well and answered my questions well. They haven't written the exam yet because of the cancelled class. I hope propagation will improve soon. 33 Helen

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: The three amigos (Sarla, VU2SWS, Suzanne, VE7IM ,and Ann) have managed to continue their weekly SKYPE sessions in spite of Sarla returning to Mumbai and Ann being in Canmore, AB for a week over Easter. That's the marvel of electronics. Ann hopes that everyone enjoyed the Easter break. It was minus 19 in Canmore, but the natives assured Ann that Spring was just around the corner. Ann wasn't convinced though, because her daughter, Jean, and son-in-law Kevin headed to Mexico just after Ann flew back to Toronto. Ann wishes everyone good health and happy times going forward.

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Greetings from Saskatchewan. Hello Everyone, Well hopefully by the time this reaches the editor's desk and gets put into print, our snow and cold will be gone. It wasn't so much of snow that was a problem, it was and is the endless -31F wind chills! I am itching to get outside and start working in my gardens. I know it is supposed to be dry this summer again, but I still want to go outside and play in the dirt. This sitting in the house because it's too windy to appreciate a good walk, is really starting to play on the nerves.

Ok, enough complaining. Other things occupying my time. Well by the time you read this, our provincial Hamfest will be a thing of the past. It was held May 5th here in Moose Jaw and I was co-host with the local ham club. The SARL (Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League) and the Moose Jaw Amateur Radio Club decided to have it early. The club usually hosts just a flea market in the spring, but this year decided to go big. The MJARC will be 96 years old this June and is the oldest continuously running club in the province and SARL will be 66 years also in June. We had an awesome turnout, with plenty of fleas, great display tables. YLRL also had a display table and many of the YLs were very impressed to know that they could join their American sisters if they wished to. I saw many applications disappear from the table so fingers crossed that they get sent in. Unfortunately, I don't have pictures, as this is being written well ahead of time. I will send them in later.

The CLARA ladies had their Chatter Party on March 13th & 17th, and we did not have the participation that we have had on other years. This was due to propagation. For those who did participate, thank you so very much, The Chatter Party is just a way of keeping in touch with friends we have not chatted to in a while, and to introduce many new YLs into the hobby without being intimidated with a "CONTEST." I think next year, I must attempt it on Echolink especially with an S9 noise level at my QTH. Oh well, maybe next year HF propagation will be better. One can only hope.

Well this is my rambling for this time. Due to a trip for family matters this year, I will be unable to attend the YLRL Convention. I will miss seeing the friends I met last year in Winnipeg and will be sorry not to meet new friends this year. I have made up for it a little bit by making a door-prize which will be in the mail shortly to Michelle, W5MQC, and I know there will be one lucky winner. Thanks everyone, and have a wonderful summer.

33, Val, VE5AQ



DX News

Dear YL friends,

This is already May-June issue and I missed both Jan-Feb and March-April issues, so some is old news. Easter has passed and spring is here in Texas in full bloom the best time of the year as temperature is in the twenties and light breeze. We did a drive through the countryside and saw fields of Texas state flowers Blue Bonnet like a carpet on the fields. I still work my portable unit on the garage floor and have my contacts here in USA but no DX. Soon I hope we will find a home, so we can put up a beam again. YLRL has their convention in Oklahoma City in August. I hope some of you can come. It will be a great fun meet. I will be there to greet you.

We are more or less OK here - Victor has been recovered from all his surgeries and chemo and we hope for better. He is active with technical stuff like antennas, amplifier, and we work CW very often - we are collecting countries for DXCC Challenge. Last year I got my license for 6-meters band and had fun on this band (worked only 2 US stations - too difficult for us!). I am slowly coming to 2500 points for my Challenge (it is 2390 now).

I am a member of YLRL group on Face book, so I get some news from there also! I wish you fun with ham radio!

33, Helen, UR5WA

We have been busy getting ready for the new season to start we are going to have 100 cruise ships into Lerwick this summer. The lighthouse has open up for the summer so Ian is helping in the café, as well as seeing to the guest that stay in the lighthouse, plus the flat for the artist. I do not have time to do much radio, Tony my husband still talks to his friends in England on a Wednesday night. The weather has been nice today we had a bad storm 2days ago the ferry did not sail on Wednesday night and was delayed on Thursday night but tonight it looked lovely gliding along and passed our house. I hope you all had a nice Easter.

33, Nicky MM5YLO

Lucia CT1YH is now totally off the air, but I want her to keep all the ties she had with her hobby. She was recently interviewed by a local CW club that wanted to hear her stories as a CW professional and amateur icon. I will send the money by post as in the past. As for the magazine by mail I can print it for her.

Best Regards, 73 Rui Tomé, CT1CFN

Christine, GM4YMM, writes: This year has been a busy one, went camping with 2 active grandchildren south of Birmingham at the Staffs and Wores canal for 2 weeks in May. It was very warm.

In June we packed the M/home again and travelled North, took the ferry to the Outer Hebrides islands on the West Coast of Scotland.

We roamed from Lewis to Harris, North Uist and South Uist. We saw “black houses” and ancient standing stones, and Harris Tweed mills. Bought some real tweed and made cushions out of the material. We also managed to fit in 3 SOTA activations and were pleased with all the qso’s.

I was able to work Glenys, G8KWD, in Botswana...as A25UK. I had begged the OMs to get Glenys to the microphone, she was out on safari, I waited happily....once back, she came on and we made our qso. It was her only ssb contact, as she was the Digi mode operator. Now I have 236 YL DXCC countries confirmed.

Nancy, KS2YL, and OM Bob were on a cruise to Norway, Iceland, and Orkney and on the way to Hamburg. But the liner stopped for a day in Edinburgh in the Firth of Forth. Nancy and I met at the harbor and we had a very long catch-up chat. We have spoken via HF for at least 35 years.....Brilliant.

Then I was pleased to see that my Maple leaves were in one of the quilts for the Canadian Birthday Party. VE7YL Suzanne won that one.

The French YL’s have nearly finished with the Marie Curie Award. You had to contact as many YLs on a list and I made it on Saturday, submitted my log and within a few hours the award came back digitally.



It was great.
Now I am looking forward to better propagation for 2018.

Picture Nancy and Me in August
Christine, GM4YMM

The Dot Bishop Blurb Each year goes faster than the last, maybe it's an age thing. We had lightning strike on two of our trees close to the house in March. We lost a lot of things including telephones, DVD player, modem, etc., but losing John's big Yaesu 9000 radio was the most upsetting. The neighbors lost their TV sets, we didn't, and our TV works well. Our insurance company was great so we are back where we were, but every time a storm approaches, we are almost paranoid. We have lost the two trees affected, a huge tall gum and my Illawarra flame, which really saddens me. Ben took some good photos of the trees coming down with a crane driver lifting them over the carport. We also had two trees removed from the back that were leaning over the house and being a fire hazard. One was a very sick pine tree but the other was a beautiful healthy bloodwood just too close. Mid-December we had another storm with lightning and lost our phone again, neighbors lost TVs again. In July we flew to Canada for a month. First was a Rocky Mountaineer trip through the beautiful Rockies: stayed in hotels in the most picturesque places; saw a brown bear, chipmunks and other wildlife; and had a helicopter ride over the mountains. We then flew from Calgary to Winnipeg for the Clara Birthday Bash. What good fun. We never stopped laughing and joking and the men enjoyed it too. I was so lucky as I won one of the specially made quilts with squares that had been sent from countries around the world - a real treasure. The outings to the Royal Aviation Museum and the Air Traffic Control Centre were so interesting and another day we had a trip to the Forks Markets with a cruise down the river to learn the history of Winnipeg. When the Meet ended we flew to Montreal to join a coach trip from Montreal to Toronto taking in the breathless Niagara Falls. We loved spending any free hours walking through Montreal and the harbor. We also stayed two nights in Quebec City where French is the main language and all I could say was 'merci'; a night in Ottawa and then on to Toronto with a day trip to the Niagara Falls. So much water, Australia could do with some of it. We spent a few days in Toronto before catching the VIA Canadian train from Toronto to Vancouver - the train was 11 hours late at the start and 23 hours late at the end but it was a good restful 5 days with a different view from the window every minute. From Vancouver we took the ferry to Vancouver Island to explore Victoria City and finally flew home. Canada is so beautiful, we can understand the language, and we could easily go again and see more. We were home 3 weeks and then flew up to Cairns for ALARA meet, Dot's amateur radio club meet. These are always fun as we get to meet the people we talk to on the radio. The formal part was held with display tables laid out so people could gather round, look and chat. The sight-seeing was quite north Australian - after riding the steam train to Kuranda (stopping to try to see the Barron Falls, there was a dribble of water) we spent a day exploring the tablelands; we had a full day on the Great Barrier Reef looking for Nemo; last day was in the Botanical Gardens with the huge plants that grow in this hot, humid area. The theme of the meet was Pirates and we all dressed up accordingly with lots of imagination, a fun time. I was very surprised to receive Honorary Life Membership of ALARA. So surprised I could barely speak and was only able to squeak out 'oh, oh thank you'! I would have made my pirate costume a little less risqué if I'd known I'd be out the front and photographed. Our health was good for the first part of the year, but since coming home from Cairns in September we have been beset with a few problems and

frequent trips to the doctor. The doc says it's a mystery and we've had strong antibiotics and painkillers, x-rays and CT scans. The three of us all have the same symptoms and walk around like bears with a sore head—which we have! Our senior's club and radio clubs keep us busy and socializing so we never have a dull moment.

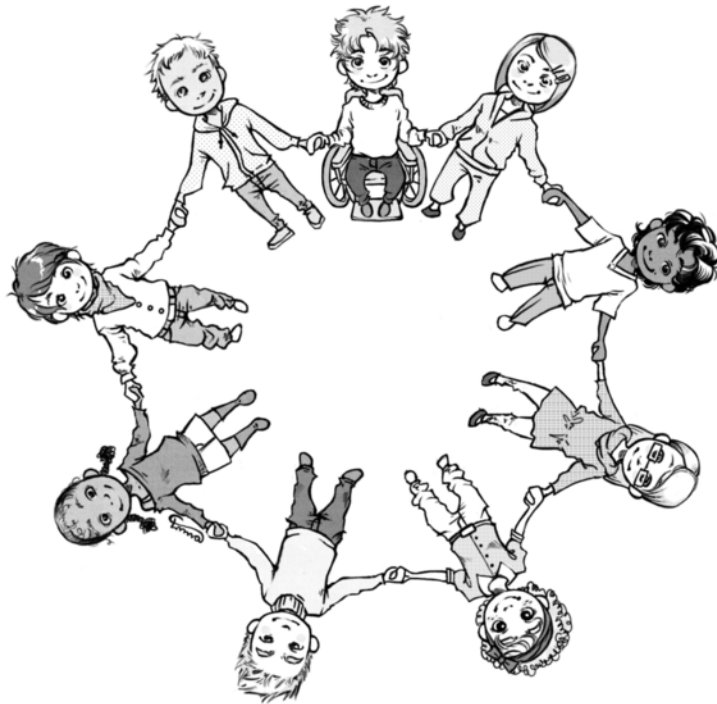
33, Dot, VK2DB

I hope to hear from you all with news for the next issue of Harmonics. I wish you a wonderful summer and winter.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM



Lucia, CT1YH



Rules for All YLRL Contests

1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to the CURRENT Vice-President.
 2. Logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after each contest ends.
 3. Scoring:
 4. Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.
 5. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band. The same station may be worked on different bands. In the YL-OM contest only, YLs count OMs and OMs count YLs.
 6. Multiplier will be the ARRL sections and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Canadian provinces are counted individually. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.
 7. Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.
- Total scored claimed is calculated by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.

Logs

1. All logs must show the operator's ARRL section, VE province, or country to qualify for awards. Where applicable, logs must state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must also state the power output. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet.
 2. Please type or print. If you print a log from a logging program or photocopy your log book, be sure they include all the required information.
 3. Logs must be signed and show claimed score. No logs will be returned.
- Entries in log must also show time, band, date and transmitter power.

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